

Rules and Obligations

Learn!

Advice	Possibility
You should take a warm coat. You'd better not light a fire. You ought to take a cell phone.	You may see some rare birds. You might get cold at night. You could fall if you don't have a flashlight.
Obligation / Necessity / Prohibition	No Obligation / Optional
You must keep to the paths. You need to be very quiet around wildlife. You have to bring enough water for two days. You mustn't feed the animals.	You don't have to bring a sleeping bag. You don't need to use a camping stove. You needn't take any money with you.

Work it out!

1 Match the forms with their use.

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| a. To give advice you can use... | _____ <i>must</i> |
| b. To express a possibility you can use... | _____ <i>need to, have to</i> |
| c. To indicate obligation you can use... | _____ <i>don't have to, don't need to, needn't</i> |
| d. To express necessity you can use... | _____ <i>mustn't</i> |
| e. To indicate prohibition ... | _____ <i>should, had better, ought to</i> |
| f. To express lack of obligation or optional you can use... | _____ <i>may, might, could</i> |

Use!

1 Circle the correct options.

- a. You *might* / *had better* / *mustn't* study if you want to pass the exam!
- b. You *have* / *shouldn't* / *don't have to* wear a tie. It's not obligatory.
- c. Slow down or we're going to have an accident. You *shouldn't* / *ought to* / *should* drive so fast.
- d. A: Are you going to the party?
B: I'm not sure. I *might* / *don't have to* / *don't need* go.
- e. Where are the restrooms? I *needn't* / *have to* / *might* wash my hands.
- f. You *mustn't* / *shouldn't* / *don't need to* take a camera. I'll take mine.
- g. You *have to* / *could* / *must* do your homework on Saturday morning. That way you would have the rest of the weekend free.
- h. Tomorrow's a holiday. We *should* / *mustn't* / *don't have to* get up early.
- i. In Britain you *must* / *might* / *could* drive on your left.
- j. You should take an umbrella. It *has to* / *must* / *may* rain.